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Hi Mary and Brent -

I wanted to give you a heads up on work we are doing that could generate press and/or congressional inquiries. Next week, Tuesday, 3/27, we are convening a Technical Workshop in Sacramento. The Workshop is described below, in an excerpt from last week's weekly report.

Although this event is strictly a technical forum, it covers a controversial subject among Delta stakeholders, including ag and urban water contractors. I heard a rumor this week about a potential letter from water contractors (though I haven't verified this and do not know if it would be addressed to EPA or to a member of Congress.) I've left emails and a voice mail for James Petersen in Senator Feinstein's office.

I can send the Workshop agenda and/or material later today. If anyone is interested, please let me know. (They have already been available to participants in draft for comment).

I am in the office today and Monday, and will be at the Workshop Tuesday and reachable on my cell phone. - Karen

San Francisco Bay Delta Estuarine Habitat Technical Workshop March 27, 2012
Aquatic Science Center is sponsoring a technical workshop with EPA funding to evaluate and describe how the location of the low salinity estuarine habitat affects ecological processes and biological indicators, like fish population and primary production. The Estuary's freshwater-saltwater interface, or the low salinity zone (LSZ), contains the greatest abundance of many open water estuarine organisms. A technical

facilitator will work with approximately 20 invited scientists with expertise in estuarine ecology, fisheries, hydrodynamics, modeling, and water resource management to establish a comprehensive technical foundation describing the relationship between the size and location of the low salinity zone and the abundance and resilience of estuarine organisms. This information will be used by EPA to provide input to the State Water Resources Control Board as they update the water quality criteria in the Water Quality Control Plan. Meeting participants are invited and space is provided for public observation and an opportunity for public comment at the end of the workshop.

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